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1. DEPT. UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH MISSION REQUEST THAT SCHEDULING OF PAYMENT OF GATT CONTRIBUTION BE MADE ON A MORE FAVORABLE BASIS THAN QUARTERLY.
2. TREASURY CIRCULAR 1075 ESTABLISHED RIGID CRITERIA TO INSURE THAT FUNDS ARE NOT MOVED OUT OF THE TREASURY IN ADVANCE OF NEED. OTHERWISE THE U.S. WILL BE PAYING INTEREST ON ITS BORROWING TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WHICH CAN THEN DEPOSIT THE EXCESS FUNDS IN INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS.
3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH TREASURY CIRCULAR 1075, QUARTERLY PAYMENTS ARE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO MEET BOTH THE CASH FLOW NEEDS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THE U.S. DEBT POSITION. THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB) TO EFFECTUATE THIS POSITION, HAS ESTABLISHED THE OUTLAY PROJECTIONS IN THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS ON A CALENDAR YEAR PERIOD ON THE BASIS OF 75 OF THE CONTRIBUTION IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE BUDGET YEAR (ENDING SEPTEMBER 30) AND 25 IN THE
SUBSEQUENT YEAR (STARTING OCTOBER 1).

4. ADDITIONALLY OMB HAS BASED THEIR APPROVAL OF THE
APPORTIONMENTS FOR THE "CONTRIBUTIONS" APPROPRIATIONS ON
A QUARTERLY PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS USING THE CALENDAR YEAR INCLUDING THE UN,
WHERE THE IMPLICATIONS TO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES
ARE OF SIGNIFICANT PROPORTIONS, AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGEN-
CIES EXCEPT THE ITU BECAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRO-
VISION REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST UNLESS BILLINGS
ARE PAID AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

5. DEPT UNDERSTANDS THAT GATT BUDGET MEETING NORMALLY
HELD IN OCTOBER. THEREFORE, WITH U.S. PAYMENT OF LAST
QUARTER OF ITS DUES IN EARLY OCTOBER, THE DELEGATION WILL
BE ABLE TO REPORT COMPLETION OF U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS AND
CAN STILL PRESS FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY BY OTHERS.

6. SINCE MISSION HAS MADE A POINT OF THE FACT THAT DUES
ARE PAYABLE JANUARY 1, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF ORGANI-
ZATION COULD PROVIDE A HISTORY OF RECEIPT OF CONTRIBU-
TIONS FROM GOVERNMENTS IN JANUARY OVER THE LAST THREE TO
FIVE YEARS. KISSINGER

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